



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by the Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to the serious and potentially fatal medical condition known as sepsis; and

WHEREAS, sepsis results from an overwhelming immune response to infection, whereby immune chemicals released into the blood to combat infection trigger widespread inflammation; and

WHEREAS, sepsis can be treated with immediate diagnosis and care but must be treated as a medical emergency, as it contributes to tissue damage and organ failure; and

WHEREAS, septicemia is the seventh leading cause of death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States there are an estimated 1.7 million adult cases contributing to at least 265,000 deaths in the United States, with the elderly experiencing the greatest number of sepsis-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, those at the highest risk of developing sepsis include some of the most vulnerable people including the very young and the very old (infants and seniors), as well as people with chronic health conditions, and those who have an impaired immune system; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is a major factor in pregnancy and post-partum deaths in the United States with Black women being at higher risk; and

WHEREAS, common infections, such as pneumonia, influenza, and urinary tract infections can result in sepsis; and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of sepsis survivors can experience post-sepsis syndrome (PSS) characterized by life-changing physical and psychological damage; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the leading cause of death in hospitals, is the leading cause of hospital readmissions, and is the single biggest cost of hospitalization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by the Sepsis Alliance found that only 12 percent of U.S. adults know the symptoms of sepsis;

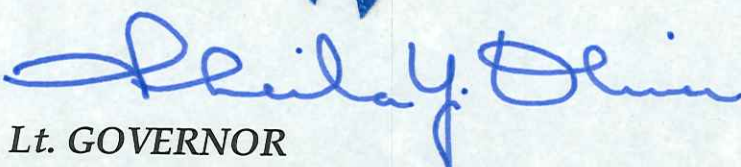
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 2020
AS
SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of August in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.


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